THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the year 2000-01 to 2007-2008, funds amounting to Rs. 276.52 crore has been provided to the State Government of Bihar under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF). During 2008-09 an amount of Rs.29.66 crore was released to State Government of Bihar under the Scheme. Besides this, an additional amount of Rs.12 crore was allocated to Bihar in 2008-09 as 100% Central assistance under the MPF Scheme for 6 naxal affected districts of Arwal, Aurangabad, Gaya, Jamuli, Jehanabad and Rohtas for construction of new police stations and fortification of police stations. Since the State Government submitted an Action Plan Rs.11.91 crore to the Ministry of Home Affairs against the allocated funds, an amount of Rs.11.91 crore was released for the six naxal affected districts.

(c) The Government has adopted an integrated approach in dealing with Left-Wing Extremist activities in the arenas of security, development and public perception. State Governments deal with the various issues related to naxalite activities in the States. The Central Government supplements their efforts in several ways. These include deployment of Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) and Commando Battalions for Resolute Action (CoBRA); sanction of India Reserve (IR) battalions; setting up Counter Insurgency und Anti-Terrorism (CIAT) schools; modernisation and upgradation of the State Police and their intelligence apparatus under Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme); reimbursement of security-related expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure(SRE) scheme; filing up critical infrastructure gaps under the Scheme for Special Infrastructure in Left Wing Extremism affected States; assistance in training of State Police through Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research and Development; sharing of intelligence; facilitating inter-State coordination; launching special Ultra-State and inter-State coordinated joint operations, assistance in community policing and civic actions and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of different Central Ministries.

Under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme, an amount of Rs.1474.90 lakh was released to Bihar during the period 2002-03 to 2008-09. An amount of Rs.1605.00 lakh was released to Bihar Government in the year 2008-09 for two districts, namely Aurangabad and Gaya under the Scheme for Special Infrastructure in Left Wing Extremism affected States.

Additional security force to tackle Naxal violence in M.P.

†509.SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government would consider to raise a separate force to stop Naxalites attacks in Naxal affected areas;

(b) if so, the effective steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government for stopping the Naxalites attacks;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has demanded for additional force from Central Government to tackle the Naxal violence; and

(d) if so, by when Central Government would made available the additional force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 10 Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) have been sanctioned in Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), out of which two battalions have been raised during 2008-09. In addition, provision has been made for conversion of two-companies in each India Reserve (IR) Battalion as Commando Companies trained in Jungle Warfare, with a central assistance of Rs. Three crore per company.

(c) No, Sir. However, one CPMF Battalion is already deployed on long term basis for assisting State Police Forces in anti-naxal operations in the State.

(d) Does not arise.

Setting up Federal Police Service

510. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up a Federal Police Service to have jurisdiction over entire territory of India to deal with terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what other effective steps are proposed to be taken to deal with terrorism unhindered by current restrictions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government has been, on a continuing basis, reviewing the security arrangements in the light of emerging challenges, including terrorism, and a number of important decisions and measures have been taken. These measures include augmenting the strength of Central Para-Military Forces; amendment of the CISF Act to enable deployment of CISF in joint venture or private industrial undertakings; establishment of NSG hubs at Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Mumbai; empowerment of DG, NSG to requisition aircraft for movement of NSG personnel in the event of any emergency; strengthening and re-organising of Multi-Agency Centre to enable it to function on 24X7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with other intelligence and security agencies; and development of online and secure connectivity between Multi-Agency Centre, Subsidiary Multi-Agency Centres and State Special Branches. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 has been amended and notified in 2008 to strengthen the punitive measures to combat terrorism. The National Investigation Agency has been constituted under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts in the Schedule.